

**HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI**

MAIN CASE: **WRIT PETITION No.6812 of 2023**

**PROCEEDING SHEET**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ORDER</b>	<b>OFFICE NOTE.</b>
3.	29.3.2023	<p><b><u>NJS,J</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>W.P. No.6812 of 2023</u></b></p> <p>Heard learned counsel for the petitioners. Also heard learned Assistant Government Pleader for Social Welfare and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home.</p> <p>Learned counsel representing the unofficial respondent Nos.5 to 9 seeks time to secure instructions on the additional affidavit filed on behalf of the petitioners with reference to the incidents that occurred on 22.3.2023 during Namalu Ceremony and performance of the said ceremony by the Priest and others giving a go-bye to the contents of the Memo dated 21.3.2023 filed before this Court.</p> <p>Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Social Welfare placed a copy of the instructions dated 25.3.2023 received from the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent along with a copy of the report dated 23.3.2023 and submits that Namalu Ceremony was performed on 22.3.2023 and vermilion was applied by some of the individuals by themselves and some get through their respective family members/relatives in a peaceful way. It is also mentioned that the age-old</p>	

practice of Namalu Ceremony during Ugadi festival is dispensed this time.

However, in view of the specific averments made in the additional affidavit filed by the petitioners along with the material (photographs and pen-drive) referring to the events that occurred on Ugadi day, it is deemed appropriate that the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent–District Collector shall examine the matter by adverting to the averments in the additional affidavit and the CCTV coverage by the Department officials and place a report before this Court by the date of next adjournment, for further examination.

Learned counsel representing the unofficial respondents shall also file counter.

List the matter on 19.4.2023.

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**NJS,J**  
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